

Borough of Rocky Hill
Planning Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
August 9, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Planning Board was called to order by Chariman Mark Blasch at 7:30 pm.

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Chairman Blasch read the following statement into the record: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in a list of meetings transmitted to the Courier News and Somerset Spectator on January 23rd, 2011. Notice remains continuously posted as required under the Statute. A copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the Borough Hall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: Robert Ayrey, Cathy Cann, Tim Corlis, Martin Englebrecht, Linda Goldman, Michael Goldman, Connie Hallman, Raymond Whitlock, Mark Blasch

Absent: George White

Also Present: Planning Board Attorney Valerie Kimson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member L. Goldman requested an amendment. Motion was made by Hasser to approve the minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by Cann. Motion carried on roll call vote all ayes.

For: Ayrey, Cann, M. Goldman, Hasser, Blasch, Zimmerman

Against: None

Abstain: Corlis

APPLICATIONS

Use Variance: Block 11 Lot 2 & 3

Attorney Kimson stated that the recording system failed so that Board members (who had been absent) were unable to review the tapes. Moreover, the applicant wished to submit a clarified list of uses which were requested, and will file a new application. It is expected that they will file so as to be set for the next meeting.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public.

Mayor Zimmerman informed the Board that the statutory deadline for filing under the Conversion Act has expired, and the Borough did not receive any applications within that time period.

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Deborah Land and Olav Peterson, residents at 49-51 Crescent Ave, Ms. Land stated that she would like to amend her deed to be fee simple, rather than a condominium. Ms. Land and Mr. Peterson live in separate units that are attached as condominiums. Attorney Kimson stated that an application would need to be filed, as it is a subdivision of a property.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Blasch stated he had no comments for the board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution 2011- Approval of Variance Application: 5 Montgomery Ave. Block 4 Lots 9 & 10

Board Member L. Goldman recommended correction to the name of Ms." Lange". Motion was made by L. Goldman to approve the resolution as amended. Motion was seconded by Hallman.

For: Ayrey, Cann, L. Goldman, M. Goldman, Hasser, Blasch

Against: None

Abstain: Corlis

Discussion of Historic Preservation Grant- Tom Bremner and Dr. Hallman presented their concept for the 2003 grant funding the Borough received. Dr. Hallman stated it would be a Google maps based program. A property owner would be able to click on a house on the map and see the details of the home, the year it was built, what style it was, etc. there would be out links to valuable resources, including appropriate style guides, the Rocky Hill Historic District Preservation Guide, and other materials. These resources could aid the applicant in making decisions when remodeling, thus keeping the renovations comparable to those that existed when the home was built. The Board inquired about various functional and maintenance aspects. A committee of residents including Dr. Hallman, Mr. Whitlock, Council member Bremner, Mr. Bradhering and Council President Steen will meet to determine the exact contents of the program. Overall the Board was very receptive to the concept.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 8:06 PM by Cann to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by L. Goldman. All voted in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rebecca Newman
Planning Board Secretary